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SUBJECT: GSP: CHANGES IN COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS

1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS THE TEXT OF A PRESS
RELEASE ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTA-
TIVE ON FEBRUARY 18:

THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCES
MODIFICATIONS IN THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

AMBASSADOR FREDERICK B. DENT ANNOUNCED TODAY CERTAIN
MODIFICATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED
UNITED STATES GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. THE
MODIFICATIONS WILL BE PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT AND WILL
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BE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST. THEY INVOLVE CHANGES IN SPECIFIC COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY FOR DUTY-FREE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR NUMEROUS PRODUCTS.

THE MODIFICATIONS INVOLVING COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY ARE OCCASIONED BY SECTION 504(C)(1) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 WHICH REQUIRES THE PRESIDENT TO REVOKE HIS DESIGNATION OF ANY COUNTRY FOR A SPECIFIC PRODUCT IF THAT COUNTRY EXCEEDS CERTAIN COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS FOR THAT PRODUCT

DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED AND THE PRODUCTS FOR WHICH THEY EXCEED THE COMPETITIVE NEED CEILINGS ARE:

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107.45	BRAZIL
110.45	ARGENTINA
132.55	MEXICO
135.94	MEXICO
136.99	REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
145.09	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
145.53	TURKEY
147.85	BRAZIL
147.92	INDIA
152.58	INDIA
154.40	REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
155.20	(EL SALVADOR
	(NICARAGUA
	(PANAMA
	(THAILAND
155.35	BARBADOS
161.83	MEXICO
162.11	INDIA
166.30	ISRAEL
176.33	MALAYSIA
186.40	REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
203.20	SINGAPORE
222.32	REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
240.10	REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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240.40	PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC
251.30	MEXICO
304.40	THAILAND
304.48	REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
308.80	THAILAND
347.28	HONG KONG
420.24	ISRAEL

420.78 ARGENTINA
420.84 ROMANIA
421.06 COLOMBIA
425.74 BRAZIL
425.84 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
426.78 ISRAEL
437.51 BRAZIL
455.16 MEXICO
455.30 MEXICO
460.60 INDIA
465.65 BRAZIL
472.44 INDIA
473.38 CYPRUS
512.31 MEXICO
515.51 MEXICO
516.24 INDIA
516.74 INDIA
516.94 INDIA
520.51 HONG KONG
522.71 SOMALIA
534.74 REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
545.37 HONG KONG
612.02 PERU
612.15 MEXICO
612.41 MEXICO
612.45 MEXICO
613.15 MEXICO
620.26 ISRAEL
624.02 MEXICO
624.34 MEXICO
628.40 BARBADOS
644.08 COLOMBIA
646.88 HONG KONG
648.57 REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
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652.84 MEXICO
653.70 HONG KONG
660.44 MEXICO
660.80 HONG KONG
668.32 NICARAGUA
683.70 HONG KONG
687.30 MALAYSIA
688.12 MEXICO
702.08 REPUBLIC OF KOREA
702.20 HONG KONG
703.75 MEXICO
704.34 REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
709.21 PAKISTAN
710.68 REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

711.30	REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
713.07	YUGOSLAVIA
741.30	PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC
748.25	BRAZIL
750.25	HONG KONG
751.15	HONG KONG
791.25	MEXICO
791.35	MEXICO
791.70	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
791.75	REPUBLIC OF KOREA

2. IMPORTS IN 1975 FROM THE COUNTRIES LISTED OPPOSITE EACH PRODUCT CATEGORY AMOUNTED TO 330 MILLION DOLLARS, OF WHICH 181 MILLION DOLLARS CONSIST OF SUGAR IMPORTED FROM EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, AND THAILAND.

3. MR. DENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A FURTHER LIST WOULD BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY CONTAINING COUNTRIES WHICH, BASED ON 1975 IMPORTS, NO LONGER EXCEEDED COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PRODUCTS, AND HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR THOSE PRODUCTS.

4. MR. DENT NOTED THAT THE DESIGNATIONS FOR COUNTRIES AND PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THOSE TO BE SPECIFICALLY PROCLAIMED REMAIN AS PROCLAIMED IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS. HE FURTHER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN NO WAY PRECLUDED CHANGES IN THE PREFERENCE LISTS RESULTING FROM WITHDRAWALS

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OF PRODUCTS FROM THE LIST OR ADDITIONS TO THE LIST AFTER INTERAGENCY REVIEW OF PETITIONS PRESENTED BY NUMEROUS INTERESTS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE MODIFICATIONS TO PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY. EAGLEBURGER UNQTE KISSINGER

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